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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2010

Pregnancy reflections

As I've been reflecting about this past year over the last few weeks I've come to realize that strangely I miss being pregnant. I dealt with a lot of aches, pains and discomforts with my pregnancy since there were two babies in there. However, I miss knowing that my girls are safe inside and protected from the outside world. I miss feeling them kick and watching Leah's head pop out of the right side of my belly as she stretched to get more room. I believe there is nothing more natural than feeling a life growing inside of you and they are right when they say all of the discomforts fade away after you've had your baby.

We are also asked whether we intend to have more children fairly frequently. If you'd asked me this in the springtime I would have told you HECK NO, not after this pregnancy!!! But, I've always wanted 4 kids and I actually think since I've had the girls that desire has been further solidified. Hopefully, Greg and I will be blessed in the next couple of years with 2 more children - just maybe not at the same time? :)

One thing I won't miss is feeling as huge as I did. I debated posting the last pregnancy picture week took when I was 36.5 weeks pregnant and decided against it for now. I still cannot get over how big I got. Maybe in a few months I will do a before and after. Would I change any of it? Not a chance, I have the two most wonderful precious gifts a Mom could ask for.

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Melissa & Me!

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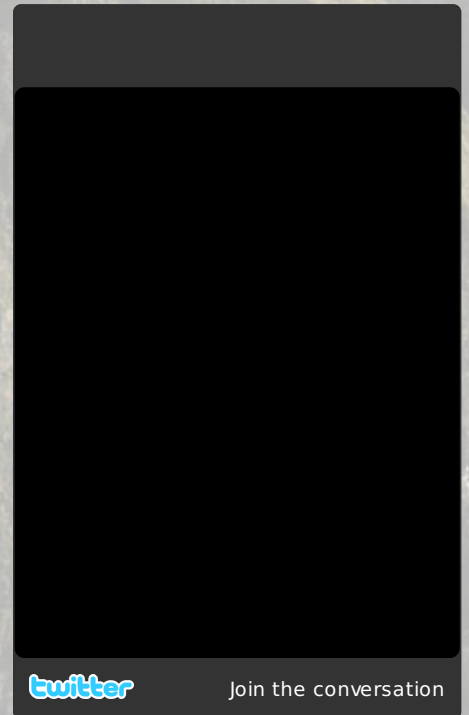
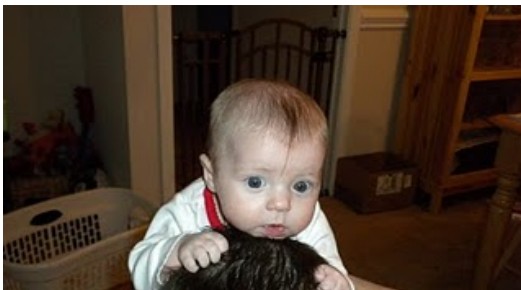


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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2010

Hanging out with Daddy!



IRISH PUBS WE'VE BEEN TO!

1. Sean O'Casey's - South Bend, IN
2. W.J. Morrissey's - Buffalo, NY
3. Irish Embassy Pub - Toronto, ON
4. Molly Malone's Irish Pub - Louisville, KY
5. Buffalo Brew Pub - Buffalo, NY
6. Murphy's Pub - Dingle, Ireland
7. O'Connor's Pub - Doolin, Ireland
8. Guinness Storehouse - Dublin, Ireland



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2010

Sisters

Cute story from daycare:

The other day L & N's daycare teacher was having a hard time calming L down, she was clean, fed, burped, etc - just a little cranky. N was sitting in the boppy watching. Their teacher ended up putting L down next to N for a moment to tend to another child and N started talking to L and she calmed right down and got quiet. These girls already have an unspeakable bond. I am enjoying watching it grow.



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2010

The Girls First Trip To The Zoo!

Today we took the girls to the Cincinnati Zoo! For the first 1/2 hour the girls were asleep but then we they woke up and we saw a lot of animals. First, we went into the reptile house, where we saw a lot of creepy looking animals and something that made Melissa fearful for the girls and she made me move the stroller away from the area where the animals were, crocs. We then went to the cat house where we saw some funny looking felines. We saw some monkeys, lions, flamingos, bears, elephants, and **the giraffes**. Melissa and I like the giraffes and we hadn't been able to see them last time we went to the zoo since they were not at the zoo yet. We took the girls to the gift shop and got them a toy to help them remember the day, L got a stuffed lion and N got a giraffe. We brought them home with us and they are so lovable and fun to play with that April even wants to play with them! Here are some more pictures from the day!



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My Progress As A Runner

TRAINING WIDGET

Last Run

2.5 mi

00:30 / 12:00 pace

Ran straight at about a 12 minute pace. Felt pretty good. Would have liked my pace to be a little quicker but you have to start somewhere... [posted 1 month ago](#)

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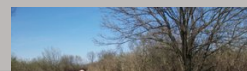
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2010

Three month pictures



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Three Month Update

Both Girls:

- You both have really come into your own and are starting to really show pieces of your personalities. You are very smiley girls!
- You are both very chatty girls. You love to tell stories and "talk" a lot!!!
- You are adapting well to the day care routine and really like your teacher Miss Betsy. She is starting to figure out your routines and temperaments.
- You spent a whole day by yourself with daddy and everyone survived and even had some fun.
- You made a trip to the dog park with April.
- You watched your first ND game with Daddy in your bumbo seats and they won!!!

Leah:

- Our little ham, you spend a lot of time trying to catch Mommy's eye when I am busy just so you can smile!
- You reach up and grab for toys on your exercise mat.
- You enjoy tummy time and have rolled up on your side but not quite over yet.
- You love the bumbo seats your Dad bought you. You just sit there and take everything in.
- You still nurse like a champ and Mommy loves our time together!

Natalie:

- You are a bit fussy this month, if you want to be held you let us know it.
- You've discovered your hands and you are fascinated by them to no end.
- You do not like tummy time and one of these days you are going to roll over out of spite.
- You are starting to drool a little and you blow bubbles with your mouth.
- You are a little peanut. Mama is always worried you aren't growing fast enough.
- You were officially nursed by Mommy! I much prefer that to all this pumping!

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2010

Notre Dame 23, Purdue 12



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A Year Later, Oh How Things Have Changed

As I sit here watching the WEBN Fireworks on TV I have to think how our lives have changed from a year ago.

2009

- 1. Melissa and I were vacationing in the Smokey Mountains of TN.
- 2. We very rarely went a day without running.
- 3. We had only 2 dependents (April and Penelope - our dogs).
- 4. We hadn't ran a half-marathon.
- 5. My days usually centered around finding a way to go run.

2010

- 1. We are in Cincinnati as we cannot go out of town since it will be very difficult with two babies and we have no vacation time.
- 2. We very rarely run, yet at least.
- 3. We have 3 dependents (Natalie, Leah, and April - Penelope returned to her owner).
- 4. We ran a half-marathon last October.
- 5. My days now center around the girls Natalie & Leah and keeping them on some sort of schedule.

It's even evident in the pictures we take.

2009



2010



We however wouldn't want it any other way!

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